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# PEACE IS THE SUPREME DESIRE

Those who love justice undebanched by fear or expediency tion of the German war criminals, even to the point of further military action against the German government. Such devotees of unattenuated justice would like to see the precedent established that a criminal action can not be rendered virtuous by the fact of its having been committed in the name of a state; that murder, spoliation and rape can not be made good merely by being tremendous and wholesale. They realize that it would have a most salutary effect upon men or governments that in the future might aspire to subjugate the peoples of the world, if it were known that the leaders of the most powerful military state that history records had ultimately been punished for their deliance of

But we very seriously question whether the arch-fiends of the late imperial German government will ever be brought to trial. The present German government and its people are de-termined not to surrender those incriminated leaders who yet remain in Germany, and Holland seems equally bent upon protecting those who are enjoying a cowardly sanctuary within her domain. Certainly it appears there will be no way of compelling the delivery of the criminals now in Germany except by another war, for economic pressure would hardly accomplish this end.

Therefore, the question arise whether the allies are willing to reopen hostilities in this interest. Our belief is that they are not. The peoples of the allied governments have had enough of fighting. To express it in a vulgar phrase, "they are fed up on it." They are weary and exhausted with war; their hearts yearn for the orderly processes of peace, for commerce and industry and agriculture and the sweet contentment that enfolds the family hearthstone. How sick they are of the clamor and cruelty of war; of trenches and sudden death, bloodshed and terrible toil! They have had enough of high endeavor; the plowman is content to drive his plowshare through the fallow soil and watch his crops flourish amid the blessings of sun and rain; the honest artisan to ply his tools and the merchant to humbly buy and sell. They are ripe for compromise. Soul and body they cry out for surcease

of compromises. Ideals can never wholly prevail. We must ever hope for the great cloud-touching, the beautiful and the sublime things, and ever accept the lesser alternatives. The practical affairs of life are so bound up with the spiritual, the human soul so closely linked with mortal clay that we can never attain the

ideal upon this terrestrial sphere.

But the fact that exact justice must fail of attainment does not mean that a great victory for good has not been won through this world war. It has been very definitely proved that no human force can be organized powerful enough to make might right. It has been established that more of the world's people are willing to die for freedom and Christian morals than for depotism and cruel injustice. It has been demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the peoples committed to goodness are more numerous and possess a greater aggregate of force than those in the world committed to the creed of absolutism and all its immoral attributes. We have not fought Armageddon nor reached the millennium, but we have progressed. For which let up thank the Almighty God and bend closer to the great task of raising a new and better civilization out of the torn and blood-sodden battlefields of the old.

# When a Feller Needs a Friend-By B riggs



# Ye Editor Nods Jolts and Jests Slipped Past The Blue Pencil

to giving advice to young women to rumor has started that he will so lay start a column "Attagirl."

A writer velept, Bob Pigue, Has a father's heart, ch, so big. But when walking at one In his arms a young son "You don't see him dancing a "jigue.

Busy business man yesterday tried first to get Hemiock 1602. After several inneffectual attempts usually encountered with that ganglionic tangle of wires down on Court avenue, he gave up and tried Hemiock 801, with the same result. "My God." he cried. "Can't get even half a number."

# PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

News, Secretary Danels says he knows the next president, but declines to give his name. Is it because of modesty,—That-

name. Is it because of modesty,—Chattanoga News.

Ambassador Fletcher probably got foot weary carrying notes to Carranza.

Syracuse Post Standard.

Sir Oliver Lodge says he can't get a ghost for \$5,000. Are we to gather that the high cost of living is also immortal?—Philadelphia North American. The fact that the Dutch decline to give up the ex-kaiser disposes of the give up the ex-kaiser disposes of the report that he wasn't paying his board.

A gink whose name is Al Wilson, Don't sing any more 'Prince of Pil-

But give him a trai trial
At bottle of phial
He'll sing out quite clear, "I will son."

A vigorous guy is called Botto. He talks not as much as he'd ought to. But give him a trial At bottle or phial You bet your sweet life they got to.

If it is really possible to send rockets to the moon, why not load them with Bolsheviki?—Manchester Mirror.
Europe will recover much quicker if it will stop sending the bills to Uncle Sam.—Baltimore American.
When allies can't agree concerning the division of Turkey, would you call that a rift in the loot?—Omaha Dally News.

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Dallas News.
Some of the presidential boomers are doing their level best to convince us that it is possible to communicate with the dead.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

This being leap year, perhaps it is true that the mysterious signals which puzzle wireless experts are from Venus.—Newark Evening News.

The New York World avers that the silence of Hoover is worrying the old parties, but hasn't much'to say about how the silence of the old parties is worrying Hoover.—Manchester Union.

# Daily Editorial Digest

ago, wanted unlimited immigration in order that they might have cheap labor and big profits. They are after the dollar which appears immediately before their eyes, and they either don't care what happens to the country or they have not intelligence enough to see the direction in which their shortsighted greed is leading them."

But those who picture the Bolshevist envoy as a whiskered "terrorist" are disllusioned by the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post (Ind.) who tells us that "the most striking thing about his blond persenality is his dispassionate attitude. The hearing had all the atmosphere of a diplomatic affair," and the Spring-

Raffles and Highway Pete are doomed. They were driven from the stage when the movied largely took the place of the one night stand companies and their repeteires of meiodrama. The highest of their careers in paper-back literature, And now comes Oklahoma with a crusade to attack the criminal hero and villatin as they appear on the screen in "thrillers."

Oklahoma's complaint is that sometimes bank robbers, outlaws and other criminals, after serving gentence, receive extravagant offers from moving picture producers, and are soon engaged in the profitable and congenial occupation of committing crime before the camera.

When such characters become herose of romance, and it is widely advertised that they display their methods in the latest play. Oklahoma gets hot around the collar. Oklahoma happens to be the aggressive state, because its guota of criminal scales of collar of criminal star's ure to life as a coronal collar of criminal star's ure to life as a coronal collar of criminal star's ure to life as a coronal collar of criminal star's ure to life as a coronal collar of criminal star's ure to life as a coronal collar of criminal star's ure

THIS column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

# Sovietism on the Stand.

Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, representa-tive in this country of the Russian Bol-shevist government, is being grilled by a senate committee. This, thinks the Buffalo Courter (Dem.), is a "strange, perplexing performance," since it gives Martens "an opportunity to carry on his Bolshevist propagands, having his utterances printed at the expense of the United States government, and sent broadcast, throughout the coun-try."

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The point which Senator Moses and his committee are most anxious to clear up is whether Martens is here as a propagandist of "world revolution," or merely, as he says, as a "business representative." To this question he answers that the soviet republic "does not care what kind of government other people have," having engaged in world revolution propaganda "only when it was on the defensive," and that now, when the soviets are "strong enough to fight the world," such defensive propaganda is unnecessary.

"It all seems very innocent," says the Indianapolis News (Ind.), but "Americans have very good reason to think that Boishevism is a militant force, and they will be slow to believe that missionary efforts have been wholly abandoned." The Baltimore Sun Ind. Dem.) thinks "an overnight conversion on this point requires convincing proof," especially since the Bolshevists "teach that fledges given to the bourgeoisle are not binding." The Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph (Rep.) also thinks that "Martens will have to do a good deal of explaining to convince any seisible person that the Bolsheviki have any other purpose than the utilimate domination of the world by their cruei tyranny," and the Seattle Times (Ind.) regards the Martens testimony as "a frank acknowledgment that Bolshevism as an economic system is dead in Russia." Martens himself, the Dayton News (Dem.) reminds us, "had been marked for deportation—why isn't something definitely done about this matter?" and the Albany Journal (Rep.) suggests that "to secure all necessary evidence against Martens to justify his deportation, let him continue to talk."

"A significant feature of Martens' testimony," remarks the Cincinnati Times Star (Rep.), "was his reference to that widely advertised \$500,000,000 in gold which the soviet government and from individual Russians." Continuing, this authority says:

"This half billion in gold is the balt which the soviet authorities have been offering to business men in New York.

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a diplomatic affair," and the Spring-field Republican (Ind.), thinks "his testimony is worth emphasizing because it gives the state department a chance to recede gracefully from the uncom-promising attitude of nonintercourse which it unfortunately supported by an elaborate argument just as the allies were getting ready to take down the bars." The Republican adds:
"When a revolution has reached a

render themselves voluntarily to the allies.

A New York dispatch is published in the Rheinisch-Westfaellsche Zeitung, which used to represent the great industrial interests, purporting to review American press opinion on the treaty and concluding with a statement that "a compromise is probable that will make the league of hathous idea quite illusory and leave the execution of the treaty entirely in the hands of the entente." The Cologne Volks-Zeitung goes further by calling the treaty "only a continuation of the war under another form." but this authority concludes by saying that "Germany must spare no efforts to gain the confidence of other nations." Col. Gaedke, in an article

# in the Leipzig Neueste Nacrichten, remarks that "whereas the lead of the league of nations meets only with contempt in other countries, in Germany it seems to be taken seriously; at any rate by the German pacificts," and he adds that "although France's economic conditions are as bad as Germany's, nobody in France thinks of disarmament." "The imperfections of the covenant," according to the liberal Frankfort Zeltung, "are principally due to perpicious" according to the liberal Frankfort Zel-tung, "are principally due to pernicious French influence," and this paper thinks that "all the peace treaties carry with-in themselves dangerous germs for the disturbance of the world's peace." The same paper, in another article, thinks that "Europe will not tolerate that the league shall be only a tribunal serving the interests of the present great pow-ers." It adds that "a real league might be a common center for European in-terests and greatly contribute to the furtherance of democratic ideals."

# Uncle Sam as Profiteer.

The federal reserve banks appear to have earned last calendar year not less than \$75,000,000, which is fully 100 per cent on their capital. As the member banks which provide this capital are entitled to 6 per cent cumulative dividends and no more, it is evident that your Uncle Samuel, as the owner of the residuary profits has been doing a lit-

dends and no more, it is evident that your Uncle Samuel, as the owner of the residuary profits, has been doing a little modest profiteering of late on his own account. He can not class for moment with those coal operators whose profits have run up to 1,000 per cent or over, but in the more highly conservative business of banking he is no slow coach along this line.

But what will surprise the country, as it seems to be surprising the private member banks, is how they ever managed to let Uncle Sam "get away with" all this profit which is now largely available for the purchase and cancellation of Liberty bonds. They are apparently so amazed and chagrined that they even entertain hopes of being able to get it back for addition to their own notoriously excessive profits. "There is," says the New York Journal of Commerce, "undoubtedly considerable feeling among member banks that they would like to obtain a share in the earnings of the reserve banks.

Linquestionably. We are in doubt only whether the more to admire the naivete or the nerve of this "considerable feeling." But it looks as though this time the United States treasury had a profit so well nailed down as to be beyond all hope of recovery by the private interests concerned.—New York World (Dem.).

Will President Wilson\*Make It

# Will President Wilson Make It Unanimous?

Unanimous?

Lord Grey having spoken offichally for Britain—for no one doubts that his modest disclaimer to speak other than as a "private individual" was purely diplomatic—the world waits today for the word of just one man. That man is Woodrow Wilson. Woodrow Wilson can, with a sentence, sweep out of the path all the senatorial posturers and vertiginous verbal jugglers on his side of the central aisle. This is not said in ill-natured criticism of them, for they have always labored under the handicap of bargaining with the Lodge phalanxes with one ear open for the peremptory "spirit rappings" from behind the veil of the White House. It was practically useless for them to accept a compromise which the president would reject.

The position of the president has hitherto been wholly creditable to his sense of honor—perhaps more creditable to his sense of honor than to his sensitiveness to perfectly obvious changes in world feeling. He has taken the per

to his sense of honor than to his sense sitiveness to perfectly obvious changes in world feeling. He has taken the position, tacitly, that he had entered into a bargain with the representatives of the allies, in Paris, to get a certain definite treaty accepted by America; and that it was morally impossible for him either to propose deviations from that are the propose deviations from that

ther delay. But, technically, the president was right.

Now, however, in as plain a fashion as is at all possible under diplomatic usage, the British government has intimated through its ambassador to Washington, who is in London, and doubtless in daily consultation with Lloyd George and his inner cabinet, that Britain entirely understands the determination of the senate majority to insist upon "reservations" prior to ratification and does not regard any hearty co-operation within the league of untions. The French are notoriously in the same position, and Italy is disturbed about nothing but Flume, which is not at all affected by the treaty with Germany.

This releaves President Wilson from his obligation of honor. He can now retire from his intransigent attitude, if he himself is willing to go.—Philadelphia Ledger (Ind.).

# Universal Training Disturbs

Family Life.

Like the prohibition amendment, military training intrudes into the life of every family in the country and makes radical changes in family habits. No such thing should be attempted until the entire people have had opportunity to consider it in all its aspects, including the additional taxation, and form a deliberate opinion. The fedform a deliberate opinion. The fed-eral government has already made more secret enemies than enough by drastic changes in domestic habits. Let us have a rest.—San Francisco Chronicle (Ind.).

# HOROSCOPE

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This is not an important day in plan-ctary direction, according to astrology. Saturn is in mildly benefic aspect, but Venus and Mars are adverse. It would seem that many persons will prosper in material things at this time, but they are likely to attract the most severe criticisms. This is especially but they are likely to attract the most severe criticisms. This is especially true of big business enterprises.

Under this rule older persons should benefit. It is most encouraging to those who have been leaders, but they should realize that false hopes breed while this configuation prevails.

The seers declare that many suprises are in store for both the great political parties.

parties.
Mars is an aspect read as exceed-

appointments are likely thus to be The rule is menacing to domestic hap-

tinue for many months.

The planetary government is a warning one where financial matters are concerned. Saving and thrift may cease to be matters of choice and may become

# NE. GOSSIP BY K.C.B. AND IF it wasn't better.

AND I know her husband. AND HES a merchant. AND HAS a lot of windows. THAT ARE full of figures. MADE FROM wax. AND I will say. I EVER new AND HIES a good picker. AND HE did well.

THEY RE THE swellest wax figures. WHEN HE picked his wife. EXCEPT THAT she take.

DO WHATEVER they liked BECAUSE AFTER all. IT COULD make no difference. TO THE person who'd died. AND SHE knew a woman. WHO HAD recently died. AND HAD been cremated. IN THE best clothes she had. the Amelyst feel and lend-clove to the groot task of states attributed on the win and blanched with the state of the win and blanched with the state of the state AND DIDN'T I think. SHE SHOULDN'T have done it. BECAUSE SHE had sisters.

# SCREEN CRIMES BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN. WASHINGTON. Feb. f.—Gentleman barred from modern life by some reform taffles and Highway Pete are doomed, or other, but at the last minute a cauthey were driven from the stage when thou reformer usually inserts a proviso "V

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